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a linear light source disposed on said incidence side surface of said light pipe, said linear light source having an effective light emission region which is longer than a longitudinal length of said incidence side surface,

whereby said light incident on the lower surface of said light pipe is transmitted and made visible through the upper surface of said light pipe.